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IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please add new Claims 88-116 as follows:**

88. A device for treating glaucoma, said device comprising:

an elongate probe having a probe tip configured to be advanced into Schlemm's canal;

a tissue ablator for ablating the trabecular meshwork; and,

A<sup>1</sup> a protector configured such that, when the probe is advanced into Schlemm's canal, the protector will deter the tissue ablator from causing damage to endothelial cells lining the scleral wall of Schlemm's canal while the tissue ablator substantially ablates the trabecular meshwork.

89. A device according to Claim 88, wherein the tissue ablator comprises a laser.

90. A device according to Claim 88, wherein the tissue ablator comprises a rotating cutting member.

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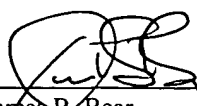
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| CLAIMS AS FILED                         |   |   |                                       |                  |      |                   |
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| Total Claims                            | 116                                       | — | 87                                    | = 29 ×           | \$9  | = \$261           |
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